



## Mexican American Cultural Center

CIP 834-867-0600

### Summary

The Mexican American Cultural Center is to be dedicated to the preservation, creation, presentation, and promotion of Mexican American cultural arts and heritage. The center will be a tremendous resource for the local community and visiting tourists. Through education and community participation, the center will foster a meaningful understanding and appreciation of Chicano, Native American, and other Latino cultures with their respective artistic expressions. The programs and education curriculum will include the areas of visual art, theater, dance, literature, music, multi-media, and the culinary arts. The MACC will be designed to create a safe and beautiful place for youth, adults, and seniors to spend their time creatively and pleasurably. Ultimately a large 800 seat theater, a small 300 seat theater, an outdoor Plaza, a two story education/exhibit/rehearsal/office building and a two story parking garage will be built.

### Status

Due to higher than expected cost estimates and utility conflicts, we have lost some time, but it has helped answer many questions in our site development design. The Design Development Phase of Phase I will start on January 25th. It is hoped Construction Documents will start in April.

### Issues

To build out the entire site could take \$45,000,000; only \$7,500,000 is available for construction of Phase I.

### Description

This is a great undertaking and in order to develop a long-term plan for the development of the site, we developed a Master Plan to better help us design the first Phase of the MACC. In an effort to receive community input as to what the MACC should be, we held a series of community meetings on July 29th and July 30, 2000. A second public workshop was held on September 9, 2000. In those workshops, as we called them, there was tremendous interest from the citizens in developing the connection not only of the MACC to the Hike & Bike Trail, but the further development and improvement of the Hike & Bike Trail in that part of Town Lake. Further more, the development of a trail and a bridge on both sides of Waller Creek was just as important to the community. On October 9, 2000 the consultants presented to the public the basic Master Plan design based on the last workshop. It was enthusiastically accepted.

The Master Plan was completed and presented to City Council on December 14, 2000.

Phase I will be the design and construction of an outdoor Plaza to accommodate 2,000 people. It will also have a two-story structure to house offices with classrooms/meeting rooms. A multi-purpose building will be designed and constructed that will seat 300 people for a performance or 150 for a sit down dinner. Associated surface parking and landscaping will also be part of Phase I.

### Basic Data

Project Manager:	Paul Medrano, AIA, Department of Public Works, 974-7141
Designer:	CasaBella & Del Campo + Maru, Joint Venture
Appropriation Amount:	\$10,900,000
Construction Estimate:	\$7,500,000 to \$8,000,000
Preliminary Phase:	July 2000 - May 2001 (Master Plan and Cost Estimating)
Design Phase of Phase I:	October 2001 – December 2002
Bid Phase:	January 2003 – April 2003
Contract Award:	April 2003
Contract Execution:	April 2003 – May 2003
Construction:	June 2003 – September 2004
Warranty Phase:	September 2004 – September 2005